

Downtown Revitalization Master Plan

Report of the Selection Committee on the Recommended Finalists for Submitting a Detailed Proposal

There were 32 responses to the Request for Qualifications for the Downtown Revitalization Master Plan. The Selection Committee reviewed the responses, and based a detailed evaluation of the qualifications of the respondents, nine (9) of the respondents were invited to participate in a telephone interview. Based on the overall evaluation of qualifications and the telephone interviews, the Selection Committee recommends that four (4) finalists be invited to submit a detailed proposal for preparing the Downtown Revitalization Master Plan.

The four (4) finalists are recommended due to their extensive experience with developing downtown master plans that have resulted in significant private sector investment. Each of the finalists demonstrated an outstanding understanding Wichita and innovative approaches to connecting existing downtown nodes of development with private sector infill redevelopment projects; streetscape and waterfront improvements; and transit system improvements. All of the finalists have committed to direct, hands-on involvement with the Master Plan by the highest-level staff in the firm. The recommended finalists also bring together a multi-disciplinary team of partners that excel in developing plans that identify market-based opportunities for redevelopment and have a proven record of successful implementation of those plans.

The four (4) finalists that the Selection Committee recommends be invited to submit a detailed proposal are listed below in alphabetical order.

Chan Krieger Sieniewicz – Located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, CKS Architecture & Urban Design is a 24-four person firm founded in 1984 that offers a full range of design and planning services. CKS is a nationally-recognized architecture and planning firm whose downtown planning work includes Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Louisville, Kentucky; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Dallas, Texas; and the District of Columbia. Their partners on the project are: Klopfer Martin Design Group of Cambridge, Massachusetts; City Visions Associates of Louisville, Kentucky; Economic Research Associates of Washington, DC; and Parsons Brinckerhoff of Wichita, Kansas.

Crandall Arambula – Located in Portland, Oregon, CA Urban Design, Architecture, City & Regional Planning is an urban design firm established in 1998 that includes experienced urban designers, architects, landscape architects, and planners that work exclusively on “Revitalizing America’s Cities.” CA has received over 20 national and local awards for its plans, and its downtown planning work includes Lincoln, Nebraska; Knoxville, Tennessee; Oak Park, Illinois; Racine, Wisconsin; Whitefish, Montana; Missoula, Montana; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Fairbanks, Alaska. Their partners on the project are: Economic Research Associates of Washington, DC; Fehr and Peers of Denver, Colorado; Richard Hoyen of Portland, Oregon; and Professional Engineering Consultants of Wichita, Kansas.

Goody Clancy – Located in Boston, Massachusetts, GC Architecture, Planning, and Preservation is a 110-person firm that was established in 1955. GC has an award-winning national planning and urban design practice whose downtown planning work includes Columbus, Ohio; Norfolk, Virginia; Ashville, North Carolina; and Boston, Massachusetts. Their partners on the project are: Kittelson & Associates of Baltimore, Maryland; W-ZHA of Annapolis, Maryland; MJB Consulting of New York, New York; Zimmerman/Volk of Clinton, New Jersey; Placematters, Inc. of Denver, Colorado; and Professional Engineering Consultants of Wichita, Kansas.

Looney Ricks Kiss – Located in Nashville, Tennessee, LRK Architects, Inc. was established in 1983 and is one of the most respected full-service architecture, urban design, planning, and interior design firms in the United States. LRK has received more than 500 awards of recognition for design in local, state, regional, and national competitions and has downtown planning experience in Pensacola, Florida; Memphis, Tennessee; Nashville, Tennessee; Dallas, Texas; Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Toledo, Ohio. Their partners on the project are: RKG Associates of Alexandria, Virginia; EDSA of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; JzTI of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Kubilins Transportation Group of Charlotte, North Carolina; Applied Ecological Services of Brodhead, Wisconsin; Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers of Wichita, Kansas; and McCluggage Van Sickle & Perry of Wichita, Kansas.